



TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: ARPA Update/Reallocation

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In 2021, the City of Ann Arbor was informed that it would be awarded \$24,182,630.00 in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds. Following the notice, City Council directed the City Administrator to prepare a plan for allocating the funds. On October 1, 2021 the City Administrator communicated to Council potential eligible projects and recommended a public engagement campaign to help prioritize funds.

On October 18, 2021, City Council adopted [#R-21-396](#), which directed the public engagement campaign and directed the City Administrator to provide a final allocation plan by March 1, 2022. Staff engaged in a robust public engagement campaign in January and February of 2022 which resulted in more than 250 attendees at virtual town halls and more than 2,500 participants in an online survey.

Subsequently, City Council approved resolution [#R-22-096](#), which directed final funding allocations/projects. A Community and Law Enforcement Data Platform was allocated \$500,000.00 with this action. Requirements of the award include obligation of the funds in total by December 31, 2026. As Safety Services moves toward a plan for dispatch services, including the use of partnerships, it has become apparent that we will be unable to efficiently and effectively spend the awarded funds on this project in time to meet the required obligation deadline.

Therefore, on December 5, 2022, City Council approved [#R-22-384](#), which reallocated \$300,000.00 to the procurement of an ambulance, cot, loading system, and associated equipment to be used by the Ann Arbor Fire Department and the reallocation of \$200,000.00 for the purposes of “yet to be determined service level improvements in the downtown area.”

In response to City Council’s direction to investigate additional public restrooms, a series of downtown listening sessions were initiated. The number one priority identified was the need for additional community restrooms. To address this issue, it is staff’s recommendation to initiate a one-year pilot program that will install 10 Throne Units within the City, some of which will be located outside the downtown area. The intention is to fund the pilot with partnership participation, which currently includes the Downtown Development Authority and the University of Michigan. Efforts are still underway to solidify other potential funding partners. However, any pilot funding shortfalls will be covered by the American Rescue Plan funding that was reallocated toward “downtown area” service level improvements.